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Regents okay increase

Incidental fees will jump 4.1 percent next fall

By Mark Ernstmann
Editor-in-Chief

Students at Missouri Southern will have to dig a little deeper into their pocketbooks next semester due to a recent increase in incidental fees.

At last Friday's meeting of the College's Board of Regents, the governing body approved a 4.1 percent increase in fees beginning with the 1988 fall semester.

According to College President Julio Leon, an increase is necessary because proposed state funding is lower than expected.

"The legislature's recommendation was only 93.5 percent of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education's recommendation," said Leon. "Their recommendation will only provide \$30,000 more than last year."

The new fee schedule will raise tuition from \$36 per credit hour to \$37.50 per hour for everything up to 12 hours. Anything over 12 hours will go from \$26 per hour to \$27.

Now, next semester, a typical full load of classes (15 hours) will cost \$531, compared to \$512 this semester.

According to Leon, the new rate hike will account for \$160,000 in extra revenue for the College. Student fees provide only 11 percent of the College's total operating budget.

"I believe this is a responsive and reasonable increase," said Leon. "We are trying to hold the line as much as possible and keep fees down while still providing a quality education."

Terry James, president of the Board, cited the administration for its work in keeping the fee increase to a minimum.

"The administration worked diligently to keep tuition in due bounds," he said. "It takes a lot of whittling on the budget to be able to keep tuition low."

Regent Russell Smith also commended the administration for "looking at the figures and trying to hold down fees."

"This proves they are trying to uphold the national reputation we gained last

year," he said.

That national reputation evolved when a study revealed Southern was the eighth least-expensive public college in the United States. Southern also maintained its standing as the least-expensive, four-year, state-funded institution in Missouri.

Several institutions in the state have implemented a fee increase for next year. Those increases range from 11.1 percent at Northwest Missouri State University to 3.8 percent at Northeast Missouri State University. Lincoln University did not implement an increase. (See graph, this page.)

"Compared to the other institutions in the state, our increase is a reasonable one," said Leon. "We hope it won't have a large effect on our students."

According to Leon, the College will not be able to offer the salary increase for faculty and staff he had "hoped for" or purchase certain equipment. He did say a "rather modest" salary increase would go before the Board for approval in May.

In addition to the fee increase, the Board also approved a \$10 activity fee for part-time students. Currently, no such fee is charged.

"In order to enhance the ability of the CAB (Campus Activities Board) and Student Senate, it is recommended we institute this fee," Leon told the Board.

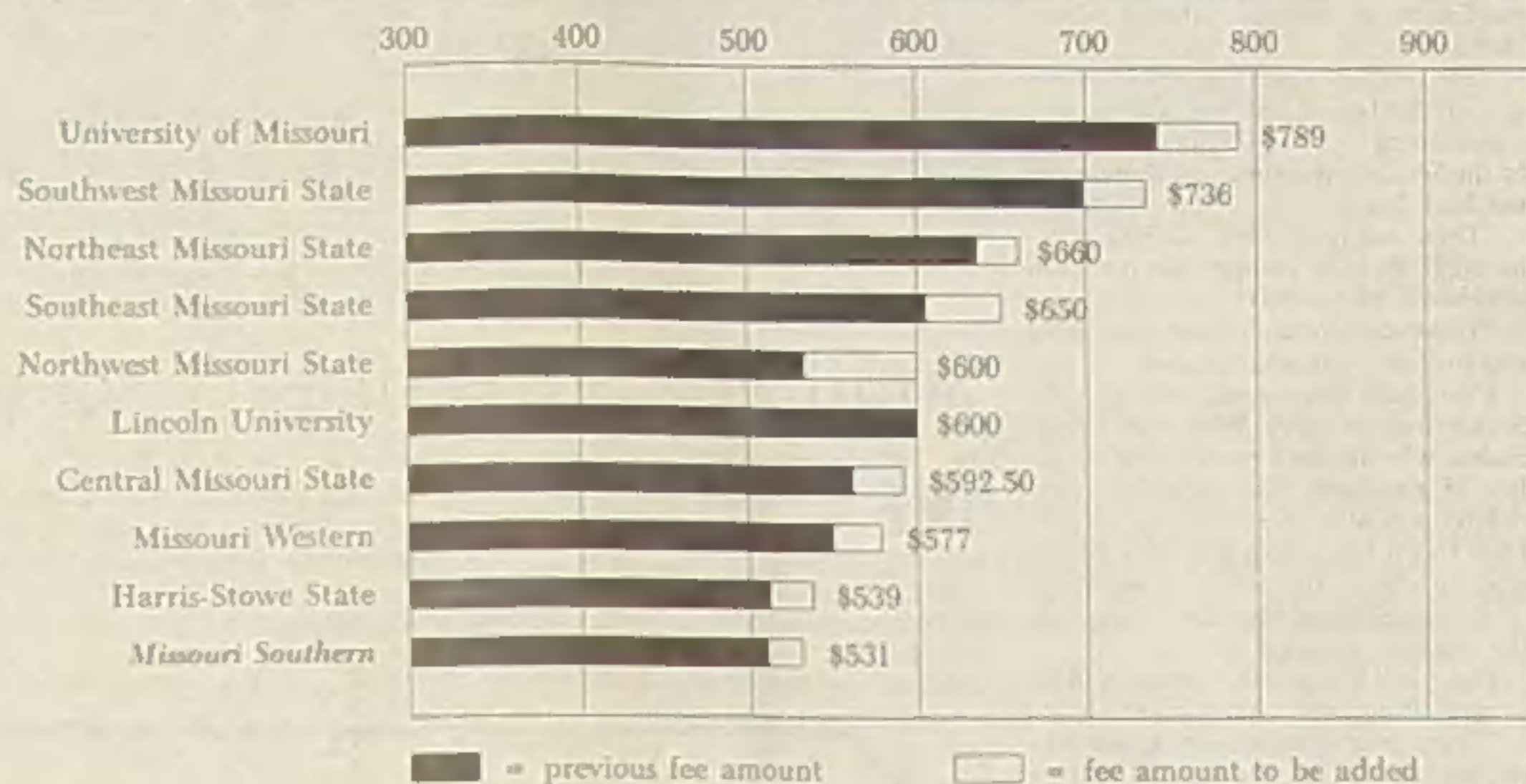
The fee would be divided 80-20 by the CAB and Senate. By paying the activity fee, part-time students will have the same access to College functions as full-time students. Part-time is considered anything from one to 11 hours.

Another fee under consideration by the College is a registration charge for vehicles. The extra revenue would go toward the maintenance of the parking lots on campus.

"It is costing a bundle to repair and maintain those lots," said Leon. "We think the students should pay for some of this."

Currently, parking fines go to the general revenue account, but the administration said it would look into the possibility of the fines going toward maintenance.

Incidental fees for a 15-hour load of classes for the next fall semester at Missouri public colleges and universities



(Note: Lincoln University's incidental fee status will remain the same, at \$600 per semester for a 15-hour load.)

(Chart graphic by Mark R. Mulik)

'Winged Lion' wins national award

For the second time in its history, the *Winged Lion* has won the Pacemaker Award for "excellence in magazine journalism."

The first-place award was granted to the 1987 *Winged Lion* by the Associated Collegiate Press/National Scholastic Press Association.

"The 1985 issue tied for first in the country," said Dr. Art Saltzman, a faculty adviser to the magazine. "We will be receiving a second plaque to commemorate the honor."

Saltzman said the competition is held among those creative arts journals that have already been named "All American," the highest rating given by ACP/NSPA.

Susan Stone, a senior at Southern, was the literary editor of the 1987 *Winged*

Lion, which she dedicated to the faculty of the College.

"The magazine is a reflection of the quality of teaching that is available at Missouri Southern," Stone said. "The professors here have proven themselves to be dedicated to their students."

According to Saltzman, the magazine will be featured in *Trends*, a magazine published by the University of Minnesota.

Winged Lion is published each spring by the College, with funding coming from the English department. Stone said all students at Southern are eligible to submit material for consideration in the magazine, which accepts original poetry, art, and short stories.

"We have some people from the police academy and the biology department this

year," she said. "We are always happy to receive work from students in other departments."

The 1988 issue of *Winged Lion* should be available by May 1, Stone said.

"Personally, I think this year's magazine will be even better than last," she said. "It was very competitive, and the quality of poetry that was submitted this year was better than ever. It's getting better every year."

In addition to Stone, Julia Womack and Mitzi Harris were literary assistant editors, and Penny McIlvaine served on the literary staff of the 1987 magazine. Nathaniel Cole, professor of art, served with Saltzman as faculty adviser. Brad McClintock was art editor, and Ken Pennington served as assistant art editor.

Senate passes proposals

Members discuss restructuring of policies committee

Approving 11 proposed changes in general education, the Faculty Senate continued its discussion Monday of general education and the new College catalog.

Proposed classes to be added include: Corrected Reading Instruction, Critical Thinking, Internship in Political Science, Lifetime Wellness, a physical activities course, International Business, Intercultural Communications, and U.S. History 320. To be dropped are three driver education courses.

The Internship in Political Science is offered in the spring to a selected individual. The individual would work in the state legislature in Jefferson City and receive three to eight hours of academic credit.

Sallie Beard, faculty senator and director of women's athletics, said the course on lifetime wellness would deal with good health and fitness for the entire life cycle.

Dr. Floyd Belk, vice president for academic affairs, who presented the proposals, said the academic policies committee was supportive of the idea of dropping the driver education courses.

"We seldom have a request that we offer these courses," said Belk.

International Business was approved as an elective course for general education in Area 5.

The proposed U.S. History course, History 320, is listed as covering the years 1900-present, while History 110 covers 1492-1877 and History 120 covers 1877-present. History 320, which is an advanced course, was originally said to consist of coverage from 110 and 120. After discussion of the reason for the different coverage of years between the two 100-level classes and the 320 class, the Senate approved History 320.

Doris Elgin, faculty senator and associate professor of nursing, asked why 320 covered 1900-present, rather than 1877-present.

"There was a misunderstanding," said Belk. "Either there'll be the change 1492-1900 and 1900-present (with History

110 and 120), or we'll change the new thing (1900-present) back to the old way."

Moving into other business, Belk said for the past two years the Senate has been requesting a restructuring of the academic policies committee.

Belk said Dr. Betsy Griffin, Senate president, sent him a proposal for a change in the structure of the committee, of which he is chairman.

He said he wanted the committee's structure to remain the same.

"I think the communications department should have representation on the committee," said Dr. Vernon Peterson, faculty senator and associate professor of communications. "We have 12 professionals (in the department), and that's just as many or more than other departments—like social sciences—represented on the committee. We don't think this body (the communications department) should not be a part of this committee."

Current representation of the communications department on the committee is by a joint representative of the English and communications departments.

Peterson asked how the communications department could be well-represented if only English faculty were chosen to jointly represent the two departments.

In response, Dr. Art Saltzman, faculty senator and associate professor of English, said, "We don't like you guys."

Saltzman's remark received laughter from the Senate.

"We like each other (the members of the school of technology)," said Elgin. "We get together and elect a representative."

Said Peterson, "What I'm asking for is that it simply go on record that the communications department wants to be a part of the academic policies committee."

His motion to amend the structure of the committee failed. No further motions were made to change the committee, so the committee structure will remain the same.



Speaks James C. Kirkpatrick, former Missouri secretary state, was the keynote speaker at the Missouri College Newspaper Association's 1987-88 awards banquet, which was held Saturday at Missouri Southern.

Association names editor Journalist of the Year

'The Chart' claims 16 individual, staff awards in 1987-88 state competition

Named Missouri College Journalist of the Year, Mark Ernstmann said he had already prepared himself to be a "gracious loser."

Ernstmann, editor-in-chief of *The Chart*, received the award Saturday night at the annual convention of the Missouri College Newspaper Association. He was one of eight students nominated.

"The competition was really strong this year, and I had not anticipated winning," said Ernstmann. "I had been preparing myself all day to be the gracious loser."

A selection committee, headed by P.C. Thomas of State Fair Community College, interviewed the nominees Friday night and reviewed samples of their work and letters of nomination.

"If I was starting a newspaper and could hire one person," said Thomas, "that person would be Mark Ernstmann."

Ernstmann, a senior communications major from Springfield, is the fourth member of *The Chart* staff to receive the

award since it was established in 1976.

"That award was the culmination of a great weekend," he said. "We hosted the convention for the first time ever, and everything went off without a hitch."

More than 130 student journalists and advisers visited Missouri Southern during the weekend. *The Chart* hosted an informal "get acquainted" gathering in its office Friday night.

Saturday's activities consisted of lectures, a business meeting, and a banquet, where James C. Kirkpatrick delivered the keynote address. *The Chart* received 16 individual and staff awards.

Sean Vanslyke, director of photography, led the way with four awards—second place in spot news photography and feature photography, and third place in photo page and feature photography.

Mark Mulik and Melanie Hicks were awarded first place in investigative reporting for their November probe into faculty office hours. Mulik won third place in

information graphics and shared third place with Mike Prater in the special supplement/section category for their Oct. 22 issue of *Avalon*.

The Chart received second place in special supplement/section for its Sept. 3 look at "The Indians of Northeast Oklahoma." *The Chart* also won first place in overall design, page one design, and sports design.

Rob Smith claimed second place in news writing and sports writing. Ernstmann won second place in feature writing for his April 9, 1987, look at cockfighting.

Prater took first place in cartooning, and Chris Clark was awarded third in entertainment review.

"We received more awards than any other newspaper," said Ernstmann, "but the University of Missouri won the Sweepstakes Award because they had more first-place awards than we did."

8 students vie for office

Senate officers request high turnout Monday

By John Ford
Assistant Editor

With elections taking place Monday, many students are running for Student Senate offices.

Voting, held in the stairwell of the Billings Student Center, is set to begin at 9 a.m. and last until 8 p.m. Members of the Senate will pass out and collect the ballots.

"We have a pretty good group of candidates," said Terri Honeyball, current Senate president.

Honeyball emphasized the need for candidates to increase interest in the elections.

"The people running for office need to go out and talk it up," she said.

According to Doug Carnahan, adviser to the Senate, election campaigning has not been heavy.

"There has been some campaigning," he said. "But the campus has not been smothered with posters."

"There are two candidates running for every office," Carnahan added.

Candidates seeking positions with the Senate include Jerry West and Robert Stokes, who are both running for the office of president. Vice president candidates are Mike Garoutte and Karen Hill. Dawn Ehrenberg and Sara Woods wish to obtain the office of secretary, while Sam Ellis and Staci Daugherty seek the treasurer's position.

Honeyball hopes voter turnout will be as good, if not better, than in years past.

"Every year turnout seems to get better," she said. "I hope this year it'll fall into that track."

According to Honeyball, voting in the elections does not take a lot of one's time.

"A lot of people don't realize how quick it is to vote," she said.

"Anyone who is a full-time student can vote," said Carnahan. "However, students have to show their full-time I.D."

With the election of new officers coming quickly, Honeyball believes she has accomplished much of what she set out to do as Senate president.

"Serving as president has been an excellent experience for me," she said. "I still think there are some strings left untied, but I have no regrets, no problems with leaving right now. I left some work for the next person to do."



Industrial arts fair

Quentin Jensen demonstrates the steam engine to participants in the 11th annual industrial arts fair. Missouri Southern welcomed more than 400 junior and senior high school students from 21 area schools to campus yesterday. An awards ceremony ended the day's events. (Chart photo by Jeff Shupe)

Southern hosts district science competition

Missouri Southern hosted the annual Missouri Junior Academy of Science competition for district one on April 5.

Forty high school students and 17 junior high school students competed for the right to enter the state MJAS competition at Northeast Missouri State University at

Kirkville on April 29-30.

Students presented oral reports of the results of their original scientific research project they had designed and conducted.

Students competed for a I, II, or III rating for their projects, with a I the highest rating possible.

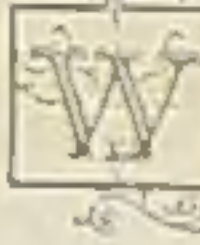
Eight high school seniors who received

a I rating also received a scholarship from College President Julio Leon for one semester's tuition. They are Kellce Farrill, Carl Junction; Angela Copple, Carl Junction; Stephanie Burrows, Parkview; Katherine Clark, Parkview; Tom Tillman, Joplin; Tom Hanna, Neosho; Kevin Pruitt, Neosho; and Russel Bogle, Neosho.

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Contest cites winners

Participants in a recent history contest were recognized Saturday afternoon in a reception held at the Dorotha B. Hoover Historical Museum.

"It was very nice," said Dr. Judith Conboy, contest co-chairperson. "It was held in a beautiful setting—the 1776 room in the museum."

Alpha Psi Omega, the national honorary dramatics society chapter at Missouri Southern, received a \$100 cash prize for its visual display representing all theatrical productions at the College since its founding.

Receiving a \$50 cash prize for second place in the visual category was the Southern secretarial quilt committee for its entry of a quilt commemorating the College's 50th anniversary.

The College Players won a \$100 cash prize for its scrapbook entry representing all the children's plays produced by the student actors.

Receiving a \$50 cash prize for second place in the scrapbook category was Annetta St. Clair, assistant professor of political science, who detailed a 1965-66 Model United Nations project.

Reunion is tomorrow

Former 'Chart' staffers to gather on campus

After 48 years of publication, former and present members of *The Chart* decided it was time to rekindle a spirit of "camaraderie."

A reunion of the newspaper is planned for tomorrow and Saturday, with several events scheduled for the weekend.

The events begin tomorrow with a reception from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Joplin Ramada Inn.

According to Richard Massa, head of the communications department, some 125 people will attend at least one event.

Cleets Headlee, adviser to *The Chart* from 1948-67, has invited all participants to an "open house" at her home tomorrow night. People may visit before, during, or after the reception.

"I decided to have the open house for two reasons," said Headlee. "The first reason was so people who arrived late and could not make it to the reception had some place to go. The other reason is to get to know those people I have not had the pleasure of working with."

A picnic is planned for 11:30 a.m. Saturday on campus. A special ceremony at 2 p.m. will honor Headlee.

"There is a little sadness in the reunion for me," she said. "It's hard finding out that some of the people I used to work with are dead."

Kenneth McCaleb, who founded and named *The Chart* in 1939, is planning to attend the reunion.

A banquet, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Saturday in the Billingsly Student Center, is the final event.

Headlee hopes that the success of former *Chart* members will be an "inspiration" to aspiring journalists.

According to Massa, the idea for a reunion has been "tossed around" for more than 10 years.

"I first heard the idea in 1976, but this seemed like a good year in which to attempt to do this," he said. "I'm looking forward to seeing people I have not seen for years."

Tony Feather and Phil Clark, former staff members, have worked with Massa and Headlee in scheduling the reunion.

"Working with the committee has been rewarding in that we learned about the success of some of the former students and staff," said Headlee.



'Do not pass Go!'

(Clockwise from lower right) Richard Gordon (with money), Lorelei Warren, Bob Foster, Jennifer White, Tom Tillman, Dennis Heger, and John Kerney participated in a Monopoly tournament on campus Saturday while Amy Tillman did some reading.

Chances are still available for quilt

Tickets are still available for the opportunity to win the 50th anniversary quilt crafted by the secretaries of the College.

Interested persons have until the afternoon of May 13 to purchase the tickets, which are selling for \$1. Those persons may contact Pat Martin in Room 316 of Hearnes Hall, or at 624-8100, Ext. 385. The winning ticket will be drawn May 13. The quilt is displayed in Room 316 and

in front of the President's office, also in Hearnes Hall.

The revenue gained by the ticket sales will go toward the establishment of a scholarship sponsored by the secretaries. The scholarship will be awarded to secretarial science and business education majors at the College.

To date, the secretaries have raised approximately \$800 toward their scholarship. Included in that \$800 is \$50 for se-

cond place in the recent history contest at Missouri Southern. The quilt also placed second in a quilt fair last year.

In addition to the quilt, the secretaries compiled a cookbook containing recipes from such celebrities as Nancy Reagan and George Brett. All of the cookbooks have been sold, with that money also going toward the scholarship.



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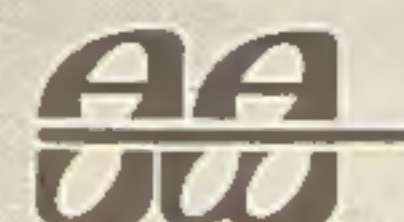
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Representation was missing

Representation of the student body should be primary to the Student Senate, but last Friday's Board of Regents meeting showed that such representation is sorely lacking.

The Board approved a 4.1 percent tuition increase, meaning students will pay an additional \$1.50 per credit hour next year. But this approval came without any member of the Student Senate present to voice any possible objection to the increase.

Both the faculty and student body are allowed representation at Board of Regents meetings—through designated liaisons. The faculty liaison was present Friday, but the student liaison was not. And this was arguably the most important Regents meeting of the year.

It must be pointed out that the student regent, Bill Bentz, was present. But Bentz was not representing the Student Senate—he was appointed by Gov. John Ashcroft.

All students should share the blame for this apathy, however. It has become an extremely rare occurrence for any student to attend a Regents meeting. This is sad, because it is at these meetings that policy is made that directly affects the students. Board members might be more reluctant to approve increases in tuition and activity fees if the meeting room was packed with students.

The students are sending a message to the Regents by not attending their meetings. The message is that they do not care about the things that are going to either benefit them or impede them.

Student apathy can have some very damaging effects. The Board, without student input, will find it easier and easier to do what it did Friday. Tuition increases could come at a quicker pace, more restrictive policies could be formed, and students could be left out in the cold because their eyes and mouths were shut.

Almost assuredly, some student will voice his outrage this summer when writing a check for fall semester fees. But he and the rest of the student body will need to take the heat for steamrolling Regent policies.

Vote Monday

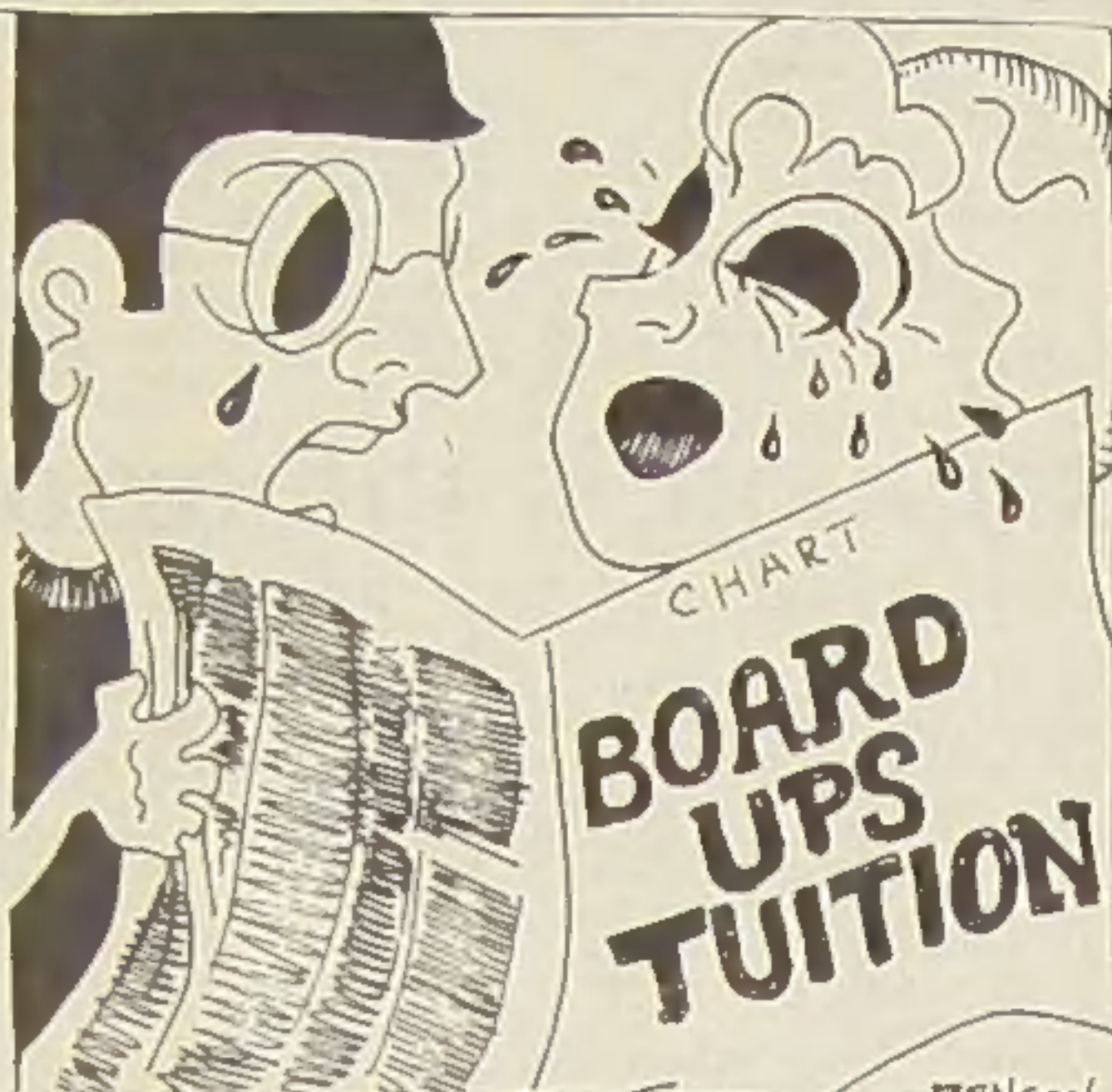
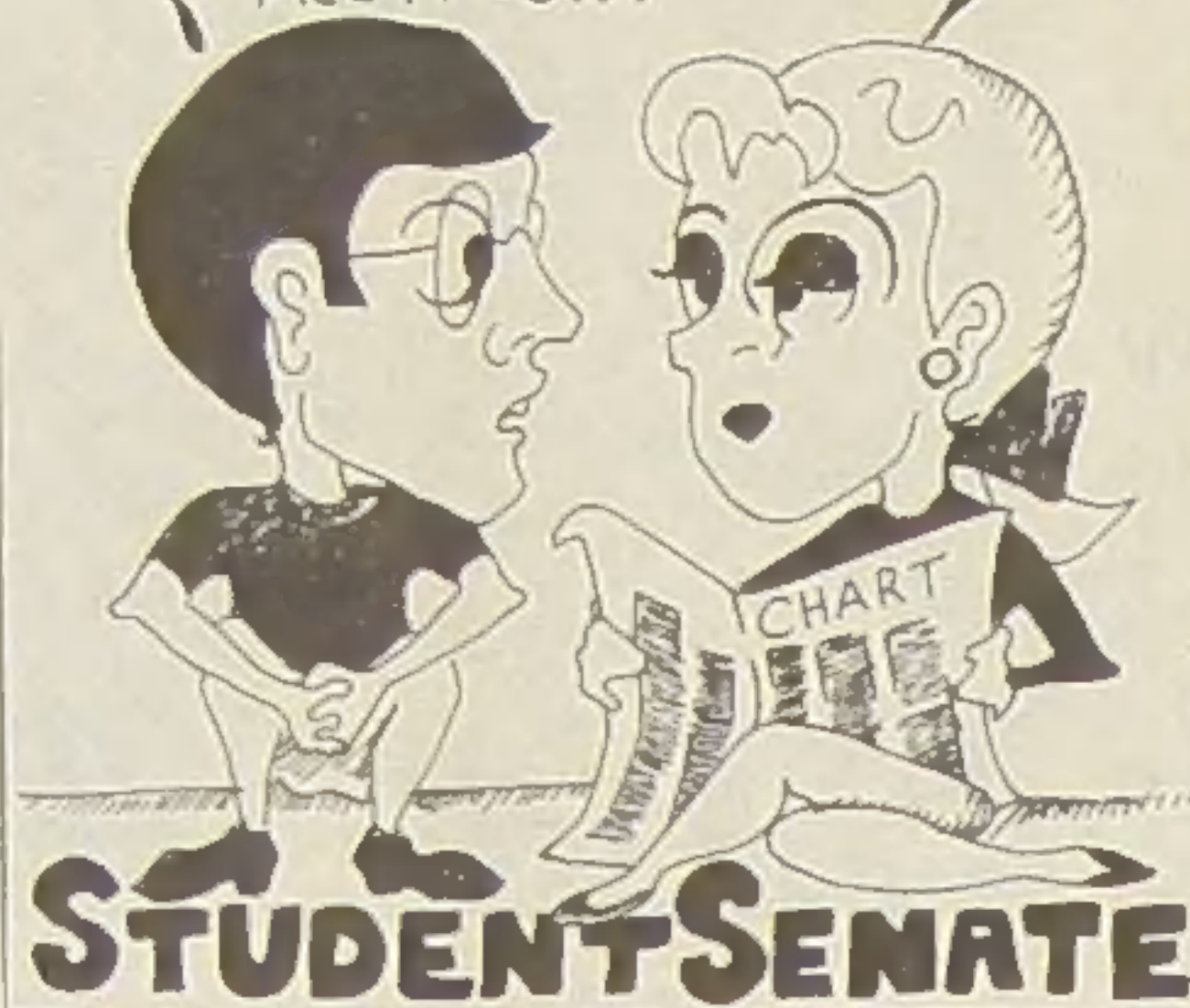
Student Senate elections, to be held Monday, give students an opportunity to pick their leaders for the next year.

Students should make their selections carefully, for the votes they cast will greatly reflect how the students are to be represented.

We hope there is large turnout Monday. This is an opportune time for the students to participate in the election process that makes democracy so great.

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Southern needs to enforce policy

By Rob Smith
Executive Manager

Simply a reminder. That's all I want to do in my column this week. I want to remind the Missouri Southern administration of an effort that occurred over a year ago. And, if length permits, I might berate the administration.

On Feb. 16, 1987, the Student Senate submitted a proposal for changing campus smoking policies.

Sensors suggested making restrooms "no smoking" zones. The Senate wanted College administrators to list the Barn Theatre as a "no smoking" zone.

Sensors asked administrators to remove ashtrays from the hallways. They wanted official "no smoking" signs placed in hallways.

Sensors asked administrators to place the new "suggested" policy in the student handbook.

And, God forbid, they went so far as to suggest that somehow the administration should find a



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way to enforce these rules.

The word is enforce. It is in no way similar to words or phrases like ignore, look the other way, turn the other cheek, or pass the buck.

Even Dr. John Tiede, vice president for business affairs, admits the enforcement is the most difficult part of the job. In other words, the administration is aware the policy is not being enforced, yet it continues to ignore Southern's no-smoking policy.

It's not uncommon to suddenly decide to enforce a rule that has been left untouched for years. Umpires in Major League Baseball have decided to watch the balk more closely, turning in a record number to this point in the season.

Now forget all that and realize some action was taken concerning the smoking policy. Signs were posted on walls. Smokers have their own section in the Lions' Den in the Billingsly Student Center.

First, I asked them to leave my table in the Lions' Den. It was to no avail. Second, I tried asking the smokers to leave my table. "You stay on your side of the Lions' Den and I'll stay on mine,"

I said. They simply laughed. Finally, I left, returning only when I must.

Is it unreasonable to ask the administration to enforce its own policy? How can I respect a group which doesn't stand up for what it believes is right? Positively pitiful.

New York City recently adopted a stricter no-smoking policy. Minnesota has been a leader in anti-smoking legislation for years. But Missouri has failed. Southern has an opportunity to take a stand—to be a state leader in another area—yet the College fails to see the opportunity.

I suppose if a person offered Southern a new building providing administrators could keep people from smoking on campus for a year, we might see the administration enforce the policy. It's not enough that many students are gradually dying from the effects of secondary smoking in the hallways, restrooms, and Lions' Den.

And it's not as if The Chart staff is innocent of smoking violations. Many staff members have puffed their lives away in the hallways over the years.

I'm simply asking the College to enforce its own rule. Otherwise, ditch the rule and let us all die peacefully.

Rest in peace, my friend, rest in peace.

The relationships that last a lifetime

By Lori LeBahn
Student Senate Vice President

A million thoughts went through my head after being told I could write about anything that came to mind for this article. What issues are most important to me at this moment? What things, now given a chance, would I like to say?

Of course, graduation is the biggest issue with which I'm concerned at this moment. It is a time for reflective thinking and progressive planning. Five years, close to one fourth of my lifetime, have been spent fulfilling a dream at this institution. I could not have accomplished what I have without the help of some very special people who have made a major impact on my college career and my life. It is to them I would like to dedicate this article and to spend a few well-deserved moments in their honor.

C.L.—What would I have done had it not been



IN PERSPECTIVE

for those afternoon chats in your office? Your friendship has helped me through a number of rough times and made the happy times more meaningful.

E.F.—You have been my mentor and my friend. A thousand times I've needed you and a thousand times you've been there.

V.W.—My boss and my director. Thanks for listening to all my ideas, as crazy as some of them were. You knew that was the only way for me to grow.

D.C.—Your confidence in me gave me confidence in myself. Thank you.

T.H.—Although we've been friends for only one year, it's been a year of very special memories that will stay with me long past graduation.

G.D.—Your support has given me that extra ounce of strength. The love you show for your wife has given encouragement to a young newlywed.

R.S.—You had a big part in helping me become a successful history student. As an adviser, you're tops. I'll always count on you for advice in the future.

S.C.—By working in the Student Center, I had the chance to see you nearly every day for the past five years. You've been lots of fun. I truly appreciate your advice and friendship.

B.H.—Even though I tease you about being able to smell you before I see you, I appreciate how nicely painted the campus stays. Your love and concern for the students is an admirable trait.

B.B.—The friendliest smile from a lovely lady and friend made going through the lunch line something I always looked forward to.

T.W.—We've given it our best. It's an honor for me to graduate with someone of your caliber. You've been a good friend.

D.A. & L.A.—As a child you allowed me to reach for the stars. As an adult you see my dreams coming true. Your 13 years of encouragement and love made me the person I am today.

M.L.—My inspiration, my best friend, and my husband. To make you proud has been my biggest reward.

To those who I have not had room to mention, you are far from forgotten. I have always agreed that each person I have met and each relationship I have shared will contribute to the total person I have become. As I graduate, I take with me wonderful memories and lifelong friendships.

YOUR LETTERS

Please submit "Letters to the Editor" to The Chart office in Hearnes Hall 117 by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition. All letters must be typed or printed neatly, and signed. Letters of fewer than 300 words receive priority consideration.

Students plead for better menu

In a recent article written by Lisa Clark, she stated that the school cafeteria receives \$540,000 a year for the provision of food. We feel that this is plenty of money to feed the students of MSSC food that they would enjoy. However, sometimes we find ourselves fighting for the last bowl of cereal at the cereal bar and cutting coupons for Hardee's or Pizza Hut.

Why do they feed us fried cabbage rolls, steamed broccoli stems, veal, etc? Would you

choose this at a restaurant? We know that it is hard to feed large numbers of people. But, we know we have good cooks because we have excellent food on banquet days. (What about the other 360 days of the year?)

We'll end by saying you can't please all of the people all of the time, but you could try to please some of the people some of the time!

Cindy Bunch and Missy McKee

Student says there is need for more cooperation

As stated in its last issue, The Chart criticized the Campus Activities Board for not having the Spring Cookout last year. This year, the CAB was "praised" by The Chart.

However, the article turned from praise to shadowing by questioning CAB funding. CAB gets 80 percent of the activity fees because at least 85 percent of all campus activities come from CAB.

Still, the members of the CAB who donate their valuable time, hard work, and effort deserve 'real' praise. The monetary value of their hours isn't recognized. The opportunity

cost of being a CAB member increases when the value of what is accomplished is diminished by too little praise, too late.

The CAB is a tired group at the end of every semester. Many hours go into the planning, set-up, production, follow-through, and clean-up of each event. CAB Dances, Concerts, Special events, Coffeehouses, Trips, Lectures, Movies, and Homecoming, and the many events CAB co-sponsors, take a toll on our members and budget.

The value of what CAB does is worth the effort that each member gives it. Without the

dedication of each of us, the student activity fees would be worthless.

We, as members of the CAB, constantly search for new ways to increase the quality of social events offered on campus. Some of us, like myself, are also members of Student Senate. We want to see these two groups work together whenever possible. Both CAB and Student Senate function to promote this campus. What we do is important.

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(Above) A welder is used during the Joplin Stockyards transition from wooden fences to metal pipe fences. (Top right) The cattle are locked in pens until the sale is held the next day. (Right) Ray McDowell is the general manager of the Joplin Stockyards.



Joplin Stockyards work to make 'nicer' facility

General manager expects record-breaking year

By Rob Smith
Executive Manager

When a new owner took over the Joplin Stockyards in October 1986, the structure was somewhat rundown and outdated.

Located only one-half mile from campus, the stockyards now have a new look. Feeling red paint has been stripped from the front of the structure and repainted. Wooden pens that hold cattle and hogs are gradually being replaced with metal pipe pens.

"We put the new front on it and repainted it to make it a little nicer," said Ray McDowell, general manager of the Joplin Stockyards. "We just cleaned it up and made it look a little more modern."

"We re-did the restaurant, put in new restrooms—we just tried to improve the place all the way around."

McDowell said the stockyards are probably the largest in Missouri. He estimates that as many as 175,000 to 200,000 cattle could be sold this year.

"We also sell 200 to 300 hogs a week," he said. "We do the hogs, but that's mostly for the hog farmers. It's mainly a cattle market."

From January through March, McDowell said the market has sold 59,440 head of cattle—adding up to more than \$28 million being handled by the stockyards. The volume was nearly \$8.2 million in March alone.

"Right now, we're about 21,000 cattle ahead of a year ago," he said. "We could set a record for our stockyards."

"In our business, it's strictly volume. I doubt there's a business in town that does the dollar volume we do."

According to McDowell, some months are better than others for the sale of cattle.

"October and November are big months," he said. "The beginning of the year is a big time up until the middle of spring."

"They (farmers) get more involved with

farming during the summer months. They sell cattle in between times."

McDowell said farmers usually hold onto calves until they are seven or eight months old. At that point, the calves are most marketable.

When cattle sellers arrive at the stockyards, the cattle are placed in pens until the actual sales on Mondays and Thursdays. The stockyards are responsible for taking care of the cattle until the sale. A veterinarian checks the health of the cattle before they can be sold.

The stockyards have added a computerized electronic scale that weighs the cattle before they are actually sold. In previous years, buyers had to estimate the weight of each steer and purchase it before it was weighed.

Buyers travel from as far away as Texas, Nebraska, and Iowa to purchase cattle at the Joplin market. McDowell said cattle purchased in Joplin serve two purposes.

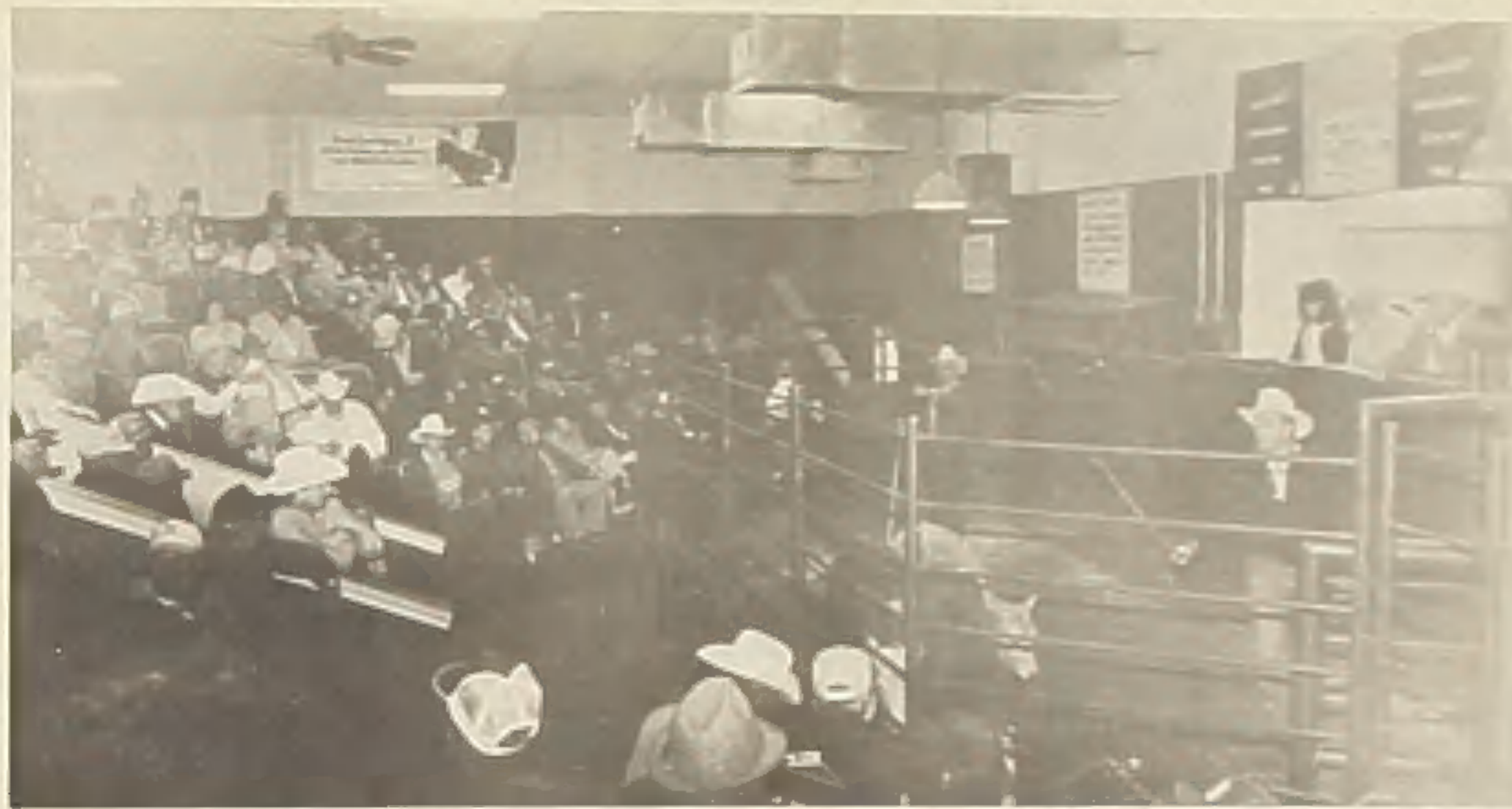
"Some of the really big steers go to feed lots," he said. "At the feed lot, he is fed 120 days before he is slaughtered. They will try to get him up about 1,000 to 1,200 pounds. The feed helps to improve the quality of the beef."

"The cattle ranging from 250 to 600 pounds are bought by other farmers, who will eventually sell them again to a feed lot."

Once the cattle are sold, the stockyards are responsible for putting the cattle in a different set of pens. They are held in the pens until trucks arrive in the evening to take the cattle to the feed lots or farms. Many times, loading of the cattle begins at 5 p.m. and often lasts until 5 a.m.

The stockyards have 25 full-time employees. McDowell estimated that an additional 120 people work on the days of the sale.

"It's really a big impact for the city," he said. "We employ a lot of people. We bring people in from all over the area that spend money in Joplin. It has to help the city."



The arena at the Joplin Stockyards gives buyers a chance to view the cattle and see their weights before they are purchased.

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By working for my peers through CAB, Student Senate, and Phi Beta Lambda, I have grown a great deal. I could have just criticized from the side-lines.

However, criticism is a vacuum if one doesn't at least attempt to help. That is why I got involved and would like to see more of the students get involved. The students make the college—not the reverse. The various groups on campus need the support of one another. We are all interdependent.

The MCNA awarded *The Chart* Missouri's Best College Newspaper award. Let's make Missouri's Best College Newspaper on the campus of

Missouri's Best College. If we all worked a little closer, if we all gave each a little more credit, the pieces would come together.

In closing, I hope to get across that it is in all our best interest to work together and gain all the recognition and praise that we can for MSSC. By the time we graduate, each of us will have spent a great deal of time, money, and effort securing a degree from this college. That degree is worth only what we put into it. Likewise, Missouri Southern will carry only the status that we give to her.

Jerry West

Editor sets tone of the paper

Dear Mr. Mulik, in your last editor's column, what were you trying to say: that it is okay to submit anything you choose to *The Chart* just beware that the editor may then choose to ridicule your opinions and motivations?

I would think it would be in *The Chart's* (and its editors') best interest to encourage debate rather than disparage it, to downplay hyperbole rather than editorialize it. Worse yet, you went on to interpret what the letter writers were thinking rather than what was actually written. If you had

chosen to participate in the topic under discussion that would have been one thing, but your mindless shotgun criticism was inappropriate, especially for an editor.

The editor has a responsibility along with a privilege: the privilege is the last word, the responsibility is to make it a reasoned word. The editor sets the tone of a paper. What tone are you after, that of a gossip column?

Jon Blanchard



Two cattle buyers arrive for Monday's stocker and feeder cattle sale. The Joplin Stockyards also have a sale on Thursdays.

Southern will present annual Placement Day

Forty-three school districts will be present

Providing students with the opportunity to meet representatives of area school districts is the purpose of Teacher Placement Day.

Teacher Placement Day will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday on the third floor of the Billingsly Student Center.

Nancy Disharoon, director of placement, said this event "is basically a good way for students to make contacts."

Some 43 school districts will be represented.

"This is mainly geared toward education majors," Disharoon said. "It would be missed opportunities for education majors who did not take part in this."

According to Disharoon, this is the fourth year Missouri Southern has held such an event.

Disharoon said students who take part in this provide the school districts with "a feel for whom they might want to interview."

"Students can come at their leisure," she explained.

Ed Wuch, director of clinical experiences, believes Teacher Placement Day is "a good interchange."

"It provides students with the opportunity to be interviewed by superintendents," he said. "I think the idea is a good one."

Disharoon recommended that those students who participate in this event should be properly dressed, well groomed, and use good grammar.

"It's a better representation of the College if they make a good impression," she said. "I'll be in and out checking to make sure things are all right."

Wuch said, in his opinion, not all colleges need a Teacher Placement Day.

"I really don't think you need to have one at every college," he said. "We invite superintendents from as far away as Kansas City and St. Louis."

However, he added that the majority of the superintendents will come from school districts within a 60-mile radius of Joplin.

"It's important for the students to make those contacts," Disharoon said.

Honor students present senior research projects

Graduates will be first to come from program

Now in its fourth year, the senior honors program will soon graduate its first "real" group of students.

According to Dr. Lanny Ackiss, honors director, the seniors are required to complete a project consisting of research they conduct independently with leadership from a faculty member in their major department. After their project is completed, they are required to offer a presentation (30 minutes to one hour) based on their project in a series of open meetings called the senior honors colloquium.

"It's a chance to see what the best undergraduates are capable of doing," said Ackiss. "If everyone could be there, they would come away really impressed with what a college student can do."

He said the research topics will vary because they are in the students' major field. Ackiss said the research project calls on their best skills. This, he said, would allow the students to work one-on-one with their instructor.

He said the research project is basically an honor thesis, except an honor thesis is usually graded by a committee where the

research project will be evaluated by the instructor with whom the student is working.

Presentations remaining include Joe Huibsch's discourse on "The Exclusionary Rule" at 3 p.m. on April 26 in Room 324 of Hearnes Hall. Huibsch is a law enforcement major at Southern. Melissa Landers, a mathematics major, will deliver a paper arising from independent study in abstract algebra at 2:30 p.m. on April 28 in Room 115 of Reynolds Hall. Rebecca Henbest, a marketing and management major, will discuss "Motivation on the Job" at 2 p.m. on May 2 in Room 314 of the Billingsly Student Center. A presentation by Darren Woods, a major in both business and computer science, will immediately follow her program. He will talk about a project in data processing based upon a data communications seminar.

Membership prerequisites for the senior honors program include a 27 composite score on the ACT and a grade-point average of 3.5 or better.

"It is an extremely competitive program," said Ackiss, "with extremely competitive admission."

Simulated combat training



(Top) ROTC cadets from Missouri Southern join cadets from other colleges to discuss combat tactics during simulated training at Fort Leonard Wood. (Above) Cadets practice their combat skills during training exercises. (Chart photos by Pat Nagel)

Republicans are offering scholarships

The McDonald County Republican Club is offering a scholarship for the fall semester.

The scholarship is open to all McDonald County residents who will be attending college during the fall semester. The student is not required to attend Missouri Southern.

Applications are available through Emma Jo Walker in the financial aid office.

Persons must fill out the applications and have them approved by any member of the Republican Club or their precinct's Republican committee person. The application must be returned to Mrs. Edna Satterfield, P.O. Box 133 Rocky Comfort, MO 64861. The deadline is May 1.

The club will present two \$100 scholarships, and it will name two alternates at its May educational meeting. The date has not been set. The recipients of the scholarships must be present to win.

Honor society recognizes new members

Recognizing outstanding scholastic achievement with an emphasis in economics, Omicron Delta Epsilon has inducted 14 new members.

ODE is an international honor society in economics. The basic criteria for membership, according to Dr. Jasbir S. Jaswal, ODE faculty sponsor, includes junior or senior standing, a grade-point average of 3.0 or better, an interest in economics, and nine hours of economics courses completed.




Jaswal said the idea of the honor society is to recognize scholastic achievement and interest in economics.

"We sent invitations out to those students who qualify," he said. "They checked back with us and filled out applications. We made sure they met the requirements and accepted them."

He said ODE provides a lifetime membership with a fee of \$30.

Those members recently accepted were Edward C. Alford, Pamela L. Bauck, Dorelyn J. Cooper, Michelle Lynn Jackson, Jodi Lynn Kellenberger, Anita Lynn Ketchum, John M. Lamp, Carol A. Marti, Terry Lee Oliver, Steven Cary Phillips, Jean Marie Pogue, Teresa Renee Royster, Sheri Lyn Sumpter, and David Franklin West.

Upcoming Events

Today		LOSSA meeting noon BSC-311		Softball Doubleheader vs Pittsburg State University 3 p.m. away
Tomorrow	Students for Peace meeting noon BSC-311			Golf at the Central Missouri State University Invitational through Saturday
Saturday	Freshman Survival Course 9 a.m. Matthews Auditorium	Baseball Doubleheader vs Missouri Western State College 1:30 p.m. home	College BASE Test 8 a.m. Taylor-113	
Monday		Orientation Leaders social 5:30 p.m. Dolences		Softball Doubleheader at the Crowder Exhibition 3 p.m. away
Tuesday			Baseball vs Southwest Missouri State University 4 p.m. home	
Wednesday	Teacher Placement Day 9 a.m. Connor Ballroom	Student Senate meeting 5:30 p.m. BSC-313	Softball Doubleheader vs NEO 3 p.m. home	Golf at the CSIC Tournament in Junction City, Ks. through April 28

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Students direct plays

Hopeing to prove that women can direct as well as men, two Missouri Southern students will present one-act plays next week.

Janet Kemm and Janet McCormick will direct the plays to be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday in the Barn Theatre. Both presentations are free to the public. Kemm is directing *Stonewater Rapture*, and McCormick is directing *Echoes*.

"If my play were to be rated, it would be rated R," said Kemm. "The 'F' word appears several times, and there are explicit adult situations, but there's no nudity on stage."

Kemm said *Stonewater Rapture*, written by Doug Wright, is about two teenagers growing through adolescence and the struggle they experience in dealing with peer pressure and morals.

"There is a couch scene," Kemm said. "But it's not real," she said in regard to sex portrayed in the play.

Members of the cast include Don Hovis as Whitney and Melissa Cytron as Carlyle. Vicki DeNefrio is stage manager, and Pat Creech is assistant stage manager.

Echoes, a play written by N. Richard Nash, takes place in an insane asylum and deals with two people who are struggling to find themselves.

"They are having a tough time coping with reality and fantasy," said McCormick.

Cast members of the play are Douglas Hill as Sammy, Clady Henry as Tilda, and Tracy Eden as The Person.

Both McCormick and Kemm are taking independent study courses in theatre. The plays they are directing are part of those courses.

"I am interested in acting, but I hope to get to do more directing," Kemm said. "I'm getting married this summer and moving to northern England, and I hope to find acting work there."

McCormick has another year remaining at Southern.

"I want to go to graduate school and get my master's degree in fine arts," she said. "This is the second show I have directed."

Kemm has directed five shows, including this one. Both women are confident that in the future more professional directing will be done by females.

"It's a thing of the past that most directors are male," said Kemm.



(Top) Mitzi Harris appears after being presented with the Langston Hughes-Lucille Dinges Award from Dr. Jimmy Couch, associate professor of English. (Above) Sherri Phipps accepts the Morgan award from Dr. Dale Simpson, assistant professor of English.

Department honors four with recognition, awards

English faculty, students gather for banquet

By Brenda Kilby
Arts Editor

Saturday the English Department honored four students and welcomed returning alumni during a banquet at the Holiday Inn in Joplin.

"We hope to make this an annual event," said Dr. Elliott Denniston, associate professor of English. "It was a very successful evening, and there was a lot of interest in doing it every year."

According to Denniston, the department may soon begin publishing a newsletter containing information for alumni.

Winners of two awards, the Morgan award and the Langston Hughes-Lucille Dinges award, were announced at the dinner. Sherri Phipps claimed the Morgan award, which included a cash stipend of \$200 and a certificate. Mitzi Harris received the Hughes-Dinges award, which also included a check for \$200 and a certificate.

Phipps plans to graduate in May with a bachelor's degree in education.

"She has excelled in everything she has attempted," said Dr. Dale Simpson, assistant professor of English, as he handed Phipps her award. "It was a real pleasure to select her from a strong field."

According to her peers, Phipps is a dedicated student who has worked hard.

"She's in the honors program, which means she is a super student," said Julie Womack, a senior at Southern. "We went to Oxford together and took the same class—Shakespeare—and she excelled in it like she does in everything else."

According to Gail Demery, also a senior, "You don't want to be in a class with her because she sets the curve so high." Phipps, Demery said, is a non-traditional student enrolled in the honors program.

"She is one of the only ones to complete her degree in three years," she said.

Harris, 31, is a senior and plans to teach English when she graduates next year.

"I was shocked," Harris said about winning the award. "I was thrilled. I feel that the encouragement and guidance of the professors in the English department has helped me to do my best in school."

According to Womack, Harris is an excellent writer.

"She writes beautiful poetry," Womack said. "She's one of the most warm and caring people I know."

According to Lynette Snell, an English major, Harris believes in her education. "She gets bent out of shape if she doesn't excel," said Snell. "But I've not seen her fail to do her best yet."

Both Phipps and Harris submitted papers and applied for the awards they received. Harris's winning entry was a research paper on Charles Dickens, chosen by a committee of English faculty, which included Dr. Art Saltzman, associate professor, Dr. Joel Brattin, assistant professor, Denniston, and Grace Mit-

chell, assistant professor emeritus.

Phipps also was selected by a faculty committee, which included Dr. Doris Walters, assistant professor; Dr. Jimmy Couch, associate professor; and Simpson. In addition to submitting an essay on an aspect of teaching, Phipps was evaluated by the committee on her ability as a student and a prospective teacher.

Also honored Saturday were Susan Stone, the recipient of the outstanding English major award, and Kathleen Crum Swift, the 1988 Greef award winner.

According to Walters, Stone plans to write professionally after graduating in May. In addition to the honor, Stone was given a subscription to *Writer's Digest* by Walters.

The outstanding English major award is given annually to an English major chosen by the department faculty members, according to Simpson. Faculty members nominate those meeting the criteria, which include at least a 3.0 grade-point average, leadership qualities, performance in classes, and work in extra-curricular activities.

"We reserve the right to not make an award at all," Simpson said. "But I don't believe that has ever happened. We are proud of the people we have chosen. They are truly our outstanding people."

The Greef award is a statewide award presented annually to the outstanding English major pursuing a bachelor of science in education degree, Simpson said. The criteria for this honor is nearly the same as those required for nomination to the outstanding English major award.

Swift, this year's winner, will receive her name on a plaque in the English department, a certificate, and a trip to the Missouri Association of Teacher Education meeting at Grandview High School this Saturday.

"She is exceptionally talented academically, and her personality was just right for the academic environment," Simpson said. "She has the ability to motivate her students, and she has the competence and knowledge of material necessary. I am very pleased she is teaching."

More than 100 persons attended Saturday's dinner, according to Dr. Henry Morgan, associate professor of English. Morgan was alluded to by Dr. Henry Harder, professor of English, as one of the two "villains of the piece," with Denniston.

Saltzman gave a humorous presentation of what the department has been up to, "just to bring everyone up to date."

According to Saltzman's presentation, which resembled a roast, "Henry Harder continues to argue that not only is Chaucer our contemporary, but he owes Henry money," and "Bud Morgan has determined that if you read *The Sound and The Fury* backwards it not only says Paul McCartney is dead but it also makes for a better novel."

Fowler resigns as department head of art

The Board of Regents has accepted the resignation of Joo Fowler as head of the art department.

"I'm really not ready to make any comments at this time," Fowler said. "I submitted my resignation, and it has been accepted."

"All the things haven't quite been worked out yet," he added. "I don't even know everything about it."

Fowler said he is remaining silent so the art department will find it easier to obtain a replacement.

"We're trying to make a smooth transition from department head to department head," he said. "We're also going to sit down and take a look at the areas we need to work on before the end of the year."

According to Fowler, a search committee is looking into possible replacements.

"The committee has made some recommendations, but nothing definite has been decided as of yet."

Fowler has been a member of the art department since 1968.

Fowler received a bachelor of arts degree at Southwest Missouri State University before going on to receive a masters degree in fine arts from the University of Arkansas.

Rough spots fill 'Bright Lights'

By Chris A. Clark
Editorial Page Editor

Rating: ★ 1/4
(out of ★★★★★)

Take some cocaine, an alcoholic, and a few posh Manhattan dance clubs and you've got more chic stupidity than you could ever imagine.

Bright Lights, *Big City* is Michael J. Fox's latest film, set among the fashion conscious and snobbish in New York City. Fox plays the role of Jamie, a cocaine lover and a boozier who can't make the grade as a factual verification editor at a high-society magazine. During the film, it is also learned that Jamie's wife, a top-notch fashion model has left him after just a year of wedlock. But this is unusual, for Jamie's penchant for the white stuff and the good stuff don't come after the standard loss of a job and a wife. His decadence is apparent from the outset of the movie.

A more apt title for this flick could have been *White Lines*, *Big Bore*. Director James Bridges seems to think he can entertain an audience by overplaying Jamie's fascination with cocaine and booze. Sorry, but too much is too much. There is no plot development, nothing to keep the movie going through the rough spots. Too bad the rough spots span the entire length of the film.

What a good time. An audience gets to sit through Fox's wallowing in self-pity and worthlessness. Throughout the movie, these two traits always seem to lead to white streaks on a slick surface. Drugs,

drugs, drugs. This would make Al Pacino jealous.

There are occasional dramatic spots in the film. A scene in which Jamie's mother nears death is mournful. But these scenes are staged almost as if they were planned as redemption for the rest of Fox's crass action. And it must be remembered all of the scenes involving his mother and the love he once felt for his wife are past occurrences, recollections of past moments.

Bright Lights should be a good film. Fox is a wonderfully talented actor who seems to be channeling his efforts into all the wrong avenues. *Back to the Future*, *Teen Wolf*, and *Secret of My Success* were three overlong sit-coms, and it seemed that *Bright Lights* would be an opportunity for Fox to expand past his boyish character of Alex on *Family Ties*. It's a nice effort on Michael's part, but it just doesn't work.

Bridges has tried to help Fox grow up, but drowning him in an "adult" world of drugs and alcohol will not convince anyone. All these efforts only serve to accentuate the negative. By trying too hard to break the shell of his innocence, he has become the polar opposite and it hurts his performance.

Bright Lights is about everything that one might find different about a city like Manhattan. Drugs, alcohol, lesbianism, and wild parties are all part of the trendy scene that Bridges paints with his cynical brush. Are we supposed to look at all this and admit to ourselves, "Man, that sure is a different lifestyle they lead?"

All *Bright Lights* really does is reinforce the notion that style still reigns supreme over substance in a world where it is cool to be coked up.

Coming Attractions

	MSSC Concert Band	MSSC Concert Choir	Choral Society Concert
Joplin	8 p.m. April 28 Taylor Auditorium	8 p.m. May 5 Taylor Auditorium	8 p.m. May 12 Taylor Auditorium
Pittsburg	Anner Bylsma Cellist Concert 8 p.m. Today McGray Hall, PSU Call 316-231-7000		Humane Society Dance John Yoger Band April 30 Memorial Auditorium Call 316-231-2233
Tulsa	Women's Show Tomorrow Expo Square	Tulsa Philharmonic 40th Annual Reunion Concert Tuesday Brady Theatre Call 918-584-2533	'The Mikado' May 7, 12, & 14 Tulsa Opera Call 918-582-4035
Kansas City	David Lee Roth April 29 Kemper Arena	Jazz Lover's Pub Crawl May 10 Call 816-221-1431	Five Pops Concert May 18 Chapman Music Hall
Elsewhere		'Rock, Roll, & Rumble' Battle of Bands 8 p.m., Saturday Cabaret Theatre Springfield	Walk for Radio May 7 University of Missouri St. Louis
			'The Music Man' June 20 Outdoor Theatre St. Louis Call 314-381-1900

Movie Review

Earl Carr finds 'stability' in city government

By Jimmy Sexton
Staff Writer

Interested in Joplin's economic stature, Earl Carr has been re-elected to the Joplin City Council.

To fill an unexpired term vacancy on the Council, Joplin held a special election in 1986. Carr edged Bernie Johnson, assistant professor of business at Missouri Southern, for the seat by 45 votes.

"We had a tough fight," said Carr. This year, Johnson was elected to the Council by 17 votes.

"Bernie likes to be in close races," Carr said.

Though born in Louisville, Ky., Carr, 50, has lived in the Joplin area for 27 years. He is an engineering manager at the Eagle Picher plant in Seneca.

"We have a line of commercial batteries," he said, "used in security systems and computer back-up systems."

Carr has spent 16 years at the Joplin facility doing "similar work" with military and space batteries and 11 years at the Seneca plant.

There are four zones in Joplin, and Carr is the Zone 3 Councilman. With nine persons on the Council, four are zone

Councilmen and five are general Council seats.

"I guess what got me interested," said Carr, "was the turmoil in the city and its government."

"I got interested because I thought things could be done better."

According to Carr, there has been some "stability" in the city government during the last two years.

"We've fostered a spirit of cooperation," he said, "between the city and the area community, the Chamber of Commerce, and the business community."

"We're tackling problems as a region and community, instead of individually or as a single corporation."

Carr says the road to economic development in Joplin will come through supporting area industries and corporations.

"My objectives are economic," he said. "I'm a conservative, financially, and I feel you shouldn't spend more money than you take in."

Carr said he would like to see the city's reserves protected and no red ink in the city government.

During his first term on the Council, Carr said he has seen two notable successes: the reconstruction of Missouri

Precision Castings and the expansion of Able Body Corporation to a new location.

The city of Joplin made loans of \$100,000 to Precision Castings and \$200,000 to Able Body.

"The city was very involved in assisting both of these companies," said Carr. "They were unanimous in their support."

With regular Council meetings twice per month, plus occasional special meetings, the Council averages "about one meeting a week."

Carr said he spends approximately four to six hours per week with Council duties and earns \$10 each month.

"One of the time consumers is preparation," he said. "It takes a lot of reading to understand the issues that come before the City Council."

However, Carr said there have been some pleasant surprises as a member of the Council.

"I found out that one person's vote really makes a difference," he said. "Anytime an issue is controversial, there's likely to be a 5-4 vote."

Another surprise was the caliber of people in the city government.

"We've got an excellent city manager," said Carr, "and top-notch people as direc-

tors in the city government."

Carr graduated from John Hopkins University with a bachelor of engineering science and chemical engineering degree. He received his M.B.A. from Drury College in 1980.

In the late 1970s, Carr attended Southern to obtain his prerequisites for the M.B.A. program at Drury.

"Missouri Southern has a great business department," he said. "I was really impressed when I went out there."

Carr said he believes his experience in managing a large company is a good background to "chart a course" for the city government.

"My feeling," he said, "is the city ought to be run like a large corporation with balanced budgets."

Carr said he is pleased with serving on the Council and is "upbeat" with Joplin. "I sort of understand the problems Joplin has," he said, "and that's my interest."

"My goals are to continue the things we've (the City Council) started," Carr said, "to support the local industries and the spirit of cooperation between Joplin and the surrounding communities."



Earl Carr



Taking the oath of office last week were (from left) City Council members Bernie Johnson, Jim West, Cheryl Dandridge, and Earl Carr. (Chart photo by Steve Womack)

Bernie Johnson's goal is economic development

By John Ford
Assistant Editor

Seeking office for a second time, Bernie Johnson has won a general position with the Joplin City Council. "This is the second time I sought the office," said Johnson, associate professor of business at Missouri Southern. "The first time I lost by 45 votes out of 6,300 votes cast."



Johnson gave many reasons why he sought the post.

"Primarily, I'd like to see Joplin grow," he said. "I always thought it was a shame that Southern has 500 graduates a year and the vast majority of those graduates leave Joplin. The irony is that the cities the students are leaving for aren't in the state of Missouri. They're in Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, and Illinois, yet Southern is a state-funded school."

According to Johnson, another reason he ran for the Council seat was to help bring in industry and improve economic growth in the region.

"Economic development is a primary area of concern," he said. "We need more and better jobs—higher-paying jobs for the people."

While not objecting to Joplin trying to attract large businesses to the area, Johnson believes the Council would have

greater success if it also strived to attract smaller businesses to the region.

"I'd like to see us concentrate on bringing in industry that would employ 30-50 people," he said. "I'd like to see companies which offered jobs that would require up-scaled skills from their employees, resulting in higher wages."

"This doesn't mean I'm against large industry, but I don't want to put all our eggs in one basket."

Johnson listed three advantages businesses would have in locating to Joplin—geography, climate, and the residents.

"Joplin is in the middle of the U.S.," he said. "We have a major east-west highway—Interstate 44—and a north-south hookup with Highway 71. We also have four distinct seasons and favorable utility rates."

"Most importantly, there are the people of Joplin," he said. "The people are friendly and willing to work and expand their horizons. We've got everything going for us. I'm sure Joplin has some disadvantages, but as for glaring weaknesses, we don't have any."

One major topic foreseen by Johnson, which the Council must deal with in the near future, is the problem of solid-waste disposal.

"The solid-waste facility will be the area of concern," he said. "Cost of another facility, according to reports I've received, range from \$20 million to \$50 million, depending on the type of facility. Even the best facility may become obsolete, due to changes in technology and federal regulations."

Other issues which have come up before the Council in the past include fluoridation of the city's water supply, enforcement of the obscenity ordinance, and raising of revenues for the city.

"It's time we got into the 20th century and fluoridate water like everyone else," Johnson said. "I've talked to a number of doctors and dentists, and not a one of them said fluoridation would be harmful. A large number of communities have had it for 30 years with no problem. Of course, fluoridation wouldn't help people who don't have teeth."

Finally, Johnson mentioned raising revenues.

"I think we need to look at ways of cutting costs," he said. "If revenues remain constant and costs go down, then revenues have increased."

West sees 3 problems facing Joplin

Former police officer is only the second black to serve on Council

By Chris A. Clark
Editorial Page Editor

His election to the City Council was no surprise to Jim West, despite the fact he is only the second black ever elected to the Council.

"I've been working at this for a long time," said West. "The people have united behind me and have seen me for what I am. They did not see me as a black man or a white man. They saw me as just a man."

In 1954, M.W. Dail became Joplin's first black Councilman. He defeated 25 other candidates to serve a four-year term.

"I was attending Lincoln Elementary School at the time Dail was serving his term," said West. "Back then all the schools were segregated and I was going to an all-black school. This was right around the time of the *Brown vs. Board of Education* Supreme Court decision."

West is no stranger to Joplin politics. He first ran for council in 1972, losing to George Kriekhaus by more than 1,500 votes. It was in this campaign that West began to feel the effects of Joplin's electoral process.

"Joplin is the only city in the state of Missouri that votes all its Council members through the process of at-large voting," West said. "What happened in 1972 was that I received the overwhelming vote in my zone, but I was beaten because I lost in the other zones. Though I won the zone that I was going to represent, I still lost the election. I was sort of frustrated, but I didn't give up."

West ran unsuccessfully three more times for City Council before his recent victory. His previous best showing came in 1986 when he lost by 811 votes to Gary Burton in a special election.

"In the times that I've run for office before, it has always been a case of the people not being aware of the kind of man I was," said West. "They didn't understand what I stood for. I was winning all the votes in my zone, but outside of that, I just wasn't getting across."

"I think there were two basic reasons why I was losing. First, the people didn't know me. And secondly, they didn't want a black candidate. It takes a long time for people to understand that you are sincere. To win an election, you really have to establish yourself with the people and let



them know you stand for their interests."

West believes the headline that ran in *The Joplin Globe* the morning after his victory best summed up the reason he won the Council seat.

"The headline read, 'Perseverance pays off,' and that was all that needed to be said," West said. "I felt pretty good about my chances going into the election. I had tried so many times before, and I think the people were beginning to understand and know Jim West."

"I had a goal of being a City Coun-

cilman, and my persistence paid off. I think the voters realized this wasn't a case of me being a black man or a white man, but a man who can make honest decisions for the people and the city."

In his April 5 victory, West was a decisive winner by accumulating 2,322 votes. Jack Stults was closest to West with 1,697.

"Blacks are getting elected to far more positions these days," West said. "I think Jesse Jackson is setting an example. He has shown that you have to learn as you go along. You have to be careful of what you say and where you say it. It's all a learning process."

Claiming to be a baby boomer, West believes his generation is taking a more active role in politics.

"More people are getting out to vote," he said. "The people are coming together and saying, 'Hey, we have to come together and start to take a look at solving some of our problems.'"

West served on the Joplin police force from 1974-78, but resigned after five years for "a better job and better money" with Fleming Foods in Joplin.

"I am a working labor person," he said. "I enjoy what I do."

According to West, there are three critical problems Joplin faces as he heads into his term of office.

"We are going to have to do something about the trash collection problem in Joplin," he said. "The landfill in the north part of town has outlived itself. We need a means of total disposal of our waste."

West said Joplin is currently looking into a "much more efficient" waste disposal project that is already in operation in Texas. The venture will reportedly cost Joplin \$50 million to \$60 million.

"We need to look at the idea of asking some of the surrounding communities to help out with this because there is no way the city of Joplin will be able to pay for this by itself."

Dandridge concentrates on waste disposal

By Steve Moore
Staff Writer

Recently re-elected to the Joplin City Council, Cheryl Dandridge is beginning her first full term of office.

Dandridge also was selected to serve as mayor pro tem—to assume the responsibilities of the mayor in his absence. She has already served two years on the Council, following her 1986 election to a vacated position.

Dandridge said when she was first elected to Council, "The city was in turmoil, and I thought that I was a person who could get some unity in the city government and some respect back."

"I went on Council just as a concerned citizen that wanted to see Joplin grow and just make it a better place for people to live," she said.

Although Dandridge does believe the city government is now operating well, she says there are still problems facing the city, with solid waste topping the list.

"I believe that we've got to find a solution to our solid waste problem. It's got to be worked on as a regional problem and not a Joplin problem," she said.

Despite the fact that businesses have recently left Joplin, Dandridge believes

the economy is strong and that economic development should be a concern of the Council.

"It hurts when a business goes out,



definitely, but I think that if we don't let that be a downfall and we keep moving forward, then we're going to see more come in," she said.

"I believe that we should work for more economic development by helping the industries that are existing plus bringing in new industry."

Dandridge describes the economy of Joplin at this time as "very forward," citing the apparent success of such businesses as Able Body Inc., Precision Steel Casting, Joplin's trucking industry, and the Northpark Mall.

Dandridge has attended Southwest Missouri State University, as well as Missouri Southern, and is a registered X-ray technician and a regional sales representative for Travel Planners.

Although Dandridge believes she has represented the city well during the last two years, she does not have plans to go further in government.

"I've got to think of Joplin right now," she said. "This is my home. This is where my husband and children are."

Dandridge says she plans to continue running for re-election "until I have served my purpose, and I don't know if that will ever be."

LeBahn will return to College

Education major is national award winner

By Stephanie Davis
Staff Writer

With history as her hobby and a degree in education pending, Lori LeBahn will graduate from Missouri Southern but not leave the College.

LeBahn will return next fall as interim coordinator of college orientation. Elaine Freeman, the present coordinator, will take a leave of absence to complete her doctoral degree. LeBahn said she will start her master's degree in counseling at Pittsburg State University in June.

"I knew that education was the field I wanted to be in, eventually," she said.

LeBahn is currently a student teacher at Webb City High School, responsible for three American History classes and three World Geography classes for freshmen and sophomores.

"I found that a lot of it [teaching] is discipline and not just teaching," she said. "That's what surprised me the most."

LeBahn said faculty members at Southern have been supportive, and that she has gained an insight into the College from attending conventions at other colleges.

"I was amazed at how the administration is much more student involved here than they seem to be at other schools," she said.

LeBahn says some programs at Southern, including college orientation and student activities, are more advanced than at other institutions.

"Some of our programs may be small, but they are high quality. What they do, they do well."

LeBahn said her fear of public speaking has been conquered and she now enjoys it.

"Two years ago I would have had sweat



Instructs Lori LeBahn, a senior history education major, instructs her class at Webb City High School where she is currently student teaching. (Chart photo by Sean VanIsyke)

ty palms," she said. "Now if I know what I'm talking about, I feel comfortable. Once I knew the students [at Webb City], I had more control over them."

LeBahn has been vice president of Student Senate for two years and lecture chairperson for the Campus Activities Board for four years. She is president of Omicron Delta Kappa, a member of Kappa Delta Pi, and the student director of

and LeBahn was chosen from all the nominations. She gave a presentation "Selection: the first step in a winning orientation team."

LeBahn said if she could do things over, she would have had more foresight about what she wanted to major in so she would not have had to take as many classes. She changed her major five times, but still focused on education.

"I knew that education was the field I wanted to be in, eventually....I found that a lot of it is discipline and not just teaching."

—Lori LeBahn, education major

college orientation.

She was selected as the 1988 outstanding student leader at the National Orientation Directors Association convention in Wichita, Kan.

"There are different regions," said LeBahn. "We're in region four, which includes Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas."

Each region takes nominations for the outstanding orientation student leaders,

"I have no regrets," she said. "Everything turned out better than I had expected."

According to LeBahn, she learned many lessons during her five years at Southern, and one was "not to procrastinate and leave things to the last minute because it creates too much stress."

"I always wonder how well I could have done if I had begun a little sooner on some projects," she said.

Strong program lures Mattas away from SMS

Criminal justice major enjoys life at College

By Chris Christian
Staff Writer

A strong criminal justice program brought Steve Mattas to Missouri Southern, and now after three years, he is ready to graduate and pursue his interests.

After graduating from Mount Vernon High School in 1984, he decided to attend Southwest Missouri State University. His grades in high school earned him a regents scholarship, and SMSU was close to home.

Two semesters later, Mattas' interest in criminal justice brought him to Southern.

to feel like I knew the entire campus."

Although he enjoyed serving as a staff assistant, he said he did become irritated at times.

"It bothers me that some people dislike you just because you are a staff assistant," he said. "Everyone should at least get a chance, including staff assistants."

Mattas also has been an orientation leader, which is a program that he believes is beneficial.

"I really enjoyed it," he said. "I could tell that the students could relate more to me than a teacher, and I think that I helped them."

"I thought this school was the perfect size. Some classes I attended at SMSU had between 100 and 200 people, and I felt uncomfortable about asking questions or pursuing a subject."

—Steve Mattas, criminal justice major

"I thought this school was the perfect size," he said. "Some classes I attended at SMSU had between 100 to 200 people, and I felt uncomfortable about asking questions or pursuing a subject. With so many students it made you feel like they might already know the information, or that you were interfering or hampering them."

In two semesters at SMSU, Mattas earned a 3.76 grade-point average, making him eligible for the freshmen honor society. But at Southern, he has even improved upon his academic marks. In three years he has a perfect 4.0 GPA while majoring in criminal justice and minoring in psychology. He also is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership honor society.

Mattas says he has enjoyed his stay at Southern, but admits he was skeptical about campus life at first.

"I must have only known about 40 people after my first year here," he said. "When I became a staff assistant I began

Mattas also has worked hard in activities that support his criminal justice major. He holds the title of director of student security, which makes him responsible for organizing and supervising a student security staff for athletic events.

He also is the night supervisor of the Billingsly Student Center and is active in LAE, the campus criminal justice society.

With only one month until graduation, Mattas has done much thinking about the "real world."

"I would like to pursue my criminal justice interests," he said, "and someday work with the federal government in the drug enforcement agency or the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms."

Mattas leaves behind one word of advice to friends and students.

"Don't ever underestimate the importance of your academics," he said. "They've already helped me tremendously here, and I'm sure there are more benefits yet to come."

Ketchum decides on business career

Southern economics and finance major may choose to continue education

By Rob Smith
Executive Manager

While at one time she intended to study two fields, Anita Ketchum is now completing work on an economics and finance major.

Ketchum, a senior at Missouri Southern who has a 3.5 grade-point average, originally wanted to study business and biology.

"I wish I could have done both biology and business," she said. "With biology and business, it would have taken a long time to get two degrees. You just don't double



Anita Ketchum

major in those areas."

Ketchum said Dr. Charles Leitle, professor of business, sparked her interest in economics and finance. Her mother, Retha Ketchum, an assistant professor of nursing at Missouri Southern since 1970, is also credited for helping her decide on the College.

"I had an economics class with Dr. Leitle," Ketchum said. "I was really interested in it. He taught it so I could get attached to the subject."

"And it's handy having your mother on campus. I go over and get money from her all the time. She also gives me rides to school when my car breaks down. That happens pretty often."

Her mother often provides "pep talks" when it comes time to hit the books.

"She'll just tell me you can do it or provide some sort of encouragement," Ketchum said.

"I think there is so much I need to know about many different things. The more education I have, the better off I'm going to be."

—Anita Ketchum, economics and finance major

According to Ketchum, the fact that Southern is only a short distance from Seneca, her hometown, also is beneficial. She said it took some time to develop an appreciation for Southern.

"I think it's a good college," she said. "You can get the education you want out of this college. You can get out of it what you want. It's like anything else. You get out of it what you put into it."

While Ketchum is less than a month from graduation, she said school may not be over for her.

"Dr. (Robert) Brown (dean of the school of business) is my mentor," she said. "He's been encouraging me to go to graduate and set some goals."

With Brown's encouragement, she has applied to Louisiana State University and Washington University in St. Louis.

"I think there is so much I need to know about many different things," Ketchum said. "The more education I have, the better off I'm going to be."

Graduate study in St. Louis would give Ketchum an opportunity to reach at least one other goal.

"I'm going to try to get a job at the Federal Reserve Bank as a bank examiner," she said. "If I can't get a job in St. Louis, I'd like to go to Kansas City or Chicago."

"Maybe I can work and go to night school at the same time."

Ketchum believes there are some parallels between college and the world of work.

"When you enter college, you don't know what you want to do," she said. "Work is going to be the same way. You have to try things and see what you enjoy. I have to find out what I do best."



Steve Mattas

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Soccer Lions post 5-0 mark in spring season

By Anastasia Umland
Staff Writer

For the first time during the soccer program at Missouri Southern, the sport is included as part of the formal spring athletic schedule.

"There has been spring soccer before, but it was always a club activity," said Jack Spurlin, head soccer coach. "I asked Coach [Jim] Frazier to include soccer in the official spring program, and he agreed. We will be a lot stronger in the fall since we will have a formal spring practice and game schedule."

To date, the soccer Lions have won all five of their spring matches. But according to Spurlin, the most important game was Sunday's 2-0 victory over Southwest Missouri State University.

"SMSU has always been a tough team to beat," he said. "Southern has had a longtime rivalry with them."

According to Spurlin, Southern's offense is strong this season. Shawn Hull is leading the team with three goals, while Rich Fritz has two goals, and Shawn Owens and Mike Prater one each.

Spurlin has gained the confidence of the players with the success against SMSU. He thinks the players are becoming used to his style of coaching.

"The win on Sunday boosted the team's confidence in me," he said. "They are realizing that my way of coaching is pretty good."

In next fall's season, Spurlin hopes to continue the success of the spring soccer season. He is looking forward to maintaining the team's strengths.

"Defensively, the team is looking good," he said. "(Freshman Chris) Milliman is doing an outstanding job as goalie, and juniors Keith Borucki and Chris LeFebvre are performing excellently at the wingback positions."

During the five games the soccer Lions have played, only two goals have been scored against them—one being a penalty kick. Spurlin is attributing this accomplishment to a strong defensive team.

Spurlin thinks he has recruited an excellent group of players for next season.

"I think because they are outstanding players," he said, "the veteran players will be pushed to their full potential."

Currently, the soccer Lions possess a 5-0 record. Spurlin is hoping to continue this unblemished record during the fall games. "I want the guys to keep doing what

they are doing now and win, win, win."

Plans for the fall soccer season include a continuation of the new drills Spurlin has developed. He said he intends to work the team hard to have it in top physical shape by the first game of the season.

"I am a conditioning nut," he said. "The guys run three miles every day in our practices. I want to build their stamina in order to limit substitutions and avoid injuries."

Although a number of "talented" veterans will graduate from Southern next month, Spurlin does not think this will be a factor in next season's outcome.

"The youthfulness of the team is a big plus," he said. "The players will be together for at least two to three years. They will have a chance to continue the winning tradition of Coach [Hal] Bodon."

Oklahoma pins 6-2 loss on Southern

Krull, Stebbins to pitch against Western Saturday

By Rob Smith
Executive Manager

Stranding 11 base runners in a definite no-no against any team. But doing it against the 14th-ranked Oklahoma Sooners makes a 6-2 loss tough to take.

Oklahoma gave six pitchers short stints in yesterday's nine-inning game. Junior right-hander Mike Parker fell to 1-6 for the Lions, with all six losses coming to NCAA Division I opponents. It was the first meeting between Oklahoma and Southern in any sport in the two schools' history.

Junior outfielder Jody Hunt put the Lions on the board in the first inning with a solo homer, his third of the season. Oklahoma responded with one run in the first and two in the second to take a 3-1 lead.

Southern freshman Mike Williams led off the third with a double. Classmate Tim Casper singled, moving Williams another 90 feet. Senior Colon Kelly's sacrifice fly drove in the Lions' final run.

Oklahoma scored a single run in the fifth and two in the sixth to provide the final margin.

While Southern's Warren Turner had placed importance on the Oklahoma game, the Lions will turn their attention to a 1:30 p.m. doubleheader against Missouri Western on Saturday at Joe Becker Stadium.

"We're playing the best we've played all season at this point," said Turner, head coach. "If we keep going like we're going, we're going to be all right."

Missouri Western goes into tomorrow's game against Central Missouri State University with an 11-39 record. Five of those losses have been at the expense of Big Eight schools.

"Western has had a tough year," Turner said. "They've played a good schedule. Saturday is important for us. It's a good game for the fans because it's always a battle for both of us."

Saturday's first game will serve as a one-game playoff to decide the Missouri representative in the Central States Intercollegiate Conference tournament.

"There's no doubt about it," Turner said. "We need to win. It's important for the conference, but it could also decide whether we are at home during the (District 18) playoffs."

Southern will start right-handers Jim Krull and Mike Stebbins. Krull, a senior, is 5-4 with a 5.08 earned run average, while Stebbins carries a 3-2 mark and a 4.84 ERA.

Western will counter with a pair of right-handers, Jeff Mittie and Darren Munns. Mittie is just 1-8, and Munns is 2-4 this season.

Offensively, Turner will look to Hunt and junior catcher Jim Baranoski. Hunt has been on a tear for the better part of a month and is hitting .379 with 30 runs batted in. Baranoski has nine round-trippers, including three last weekend against Tarkio College. Casper leads the team with 33 RBIs while sporting a .314 average.

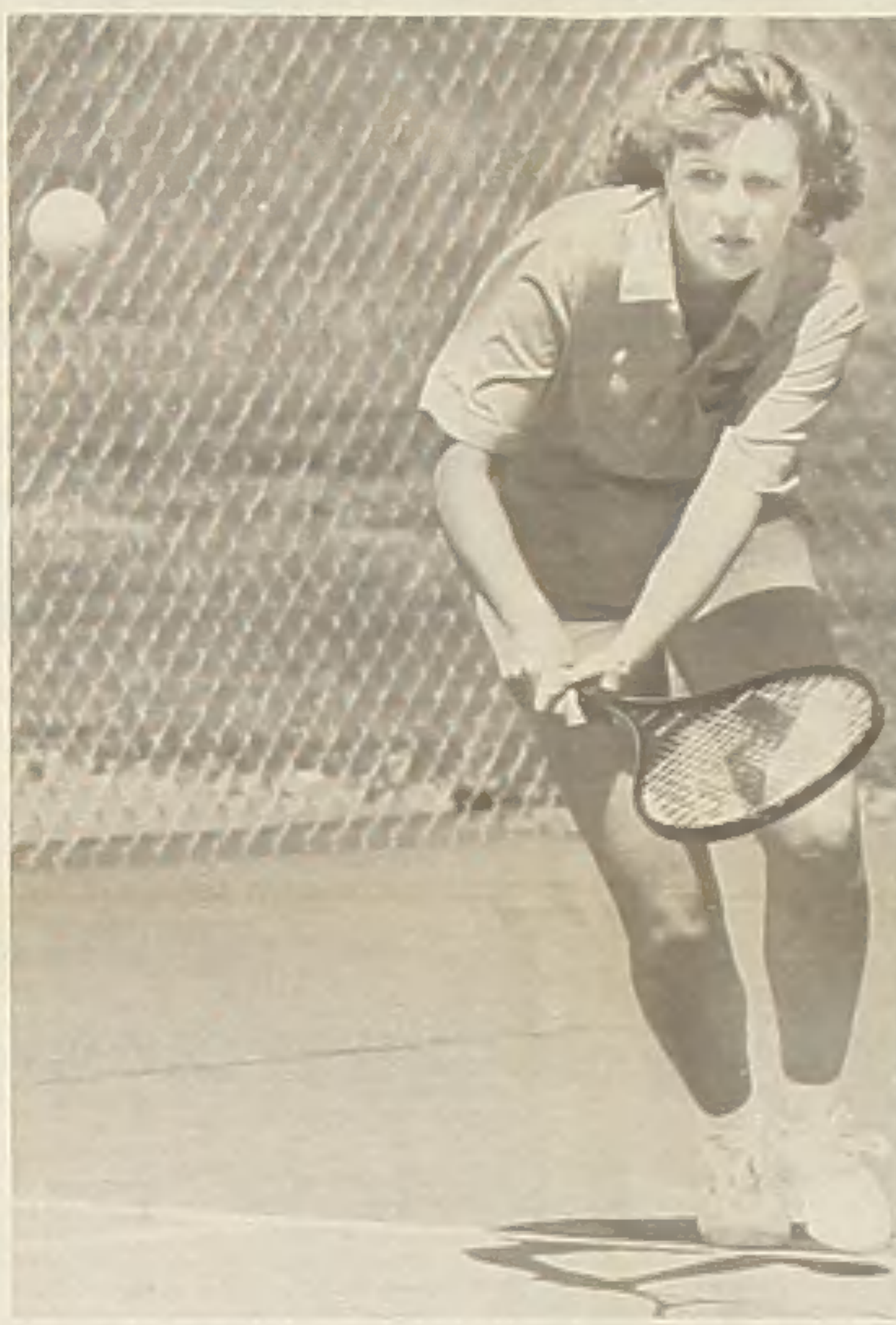
Last year at this time, Southern was 25-15. Still, Turner said this year's 16-21 edition could very well have a similar mark.

"The difference between this year is there were seven or eight rainouts in games we usually win," he said. "They are teams we normally defeat."

Southern has another home test at 4 p.m. Tuesday against Southwest Missouri State University. The Bears defeated Southern 4-2 and 14-2 previously this year.



Dual doubles matches



Junior Lisa Kolwitz (left) hits a two-handed backhand and senior Carol Denham (right) reads the path of the ball in separate doubles matches against Southwest Baptist University Saturday. The Lions lost 7-2, dropping their season record to 0-4. (Chart photos by Sean Vanslyke)

Lady Lions gain exhibition victory over PSU

Tennis team meets Drury College Saturday before ending with district tournament

Winding up their first season, the women's tennis team will travel to Springfield Saturday to meet Drury College.

"The girls are really looking forward to the match," said Hartford Tunnell, head coach. "I think the thrill of the team's previous victory has them very excited."

The victory Tunnell is referring to was last Saturday's exhibition with Pittsburg State University. Although it does not count as an official victory, the Lady Lions' confidence was still charged with the 3-1 triumph.

Later Saturday, the Lady Lions were defeated by Southwest Baptist University 7-2. The team now possesses an 0-4 record, but Tunnell does not think this will affect its morale.

"The girls are really not feeling bad about the season," he said. "They knew they were up against a big disadvantage

to begin with."

However, Tunnell thinks the opportunity to compete with veteran teams was a good experience. The team has "held its own against some pretty tough teams in the district."

According to Tunnell, the team is regarding this season as an opportunity to see the other teams in the conference.

"The team enjoyed the competition, but they are looking forward to next season because it will be easier," he said.

Tunnell has signed one player for next season. Melissa Woods of Parkview High School in Springfield is planning to attend Southern in the fall.

Tunnell is viewing next season with anticipation.

"We will have several new girls to work into the team," he said. "We will be playing in more matches. It will definitely be a heavy load."

Since the NAIA District 18 tournament schedule conflicts with Southern's final examination schedule, the Lady Lions will only be able to send two players.

Anna Rodriguez and Carol Denham, the team's number one and two players, will be representing Southern in St. Joseph. They will be competing in two singles matches and one doubles match.

"The girls were disappointed at first, but then they just kind of took it in stride," said Tunnell. "They realized they had to make a choice, and they chose academics."

For the summer, Tunnell is not planning to schedule any games or practices.

"I have encouraged the girls to participate in any tournament they can over the summer," he said. "This way the girls will be able to have an opportunity to improve their game."

Softball team splits with Central Missouri State

Securing only one victory Tuesday against Central Missouri State University, the Lady Lions are still optimistic about the upcoming conference competition.

"We gave it our best shot," said Pat Lipira, head coach. "We outhit CMSU, but we just could not score."

CMSU prevailed 1-0 in the first game, but Southern took the second game 5-2.

"We gave them the first game," said Lipira. "The second game Lyn Larson hit a double and Patsy Hudson hit a triple, which proved the team was working hard to win."

In the three meetings the Lady Lions have had with CMSU, Southern has won two games.

Lipira is happy with her team's 23-11 record and the fact the team has held on to their number 12 ranking in the NAIA.

"The team is young, but they are really putting the hearts into everything they attempt," she said.

The Lady Lions will travel to Pittsburg State University today to challenge the Gussies in a 3 p.m. contest.

According to Lipira, PSU has been an important rival to Southern. She thinks PSU is a good team and the competition will be tough. This will be the fourth time the Lady Lions have faced the Gussies, and Lipira sees the competition heating up. More importantly, today's contest will determine the seeding in the conference tournament April 29-30.

"The conference tournament will be a dandy," said Lipira. "Five of the seven teams playing are nationally ranked."

"In a tournament of this type, the season's performance doesn't really matter," she said. "Whichever team is playing the best ball will win."

Before competing in the conference tournament, the Lady Lions will face the Roughriders of Crowder College Monday in Neosho. Although this game will not be counted as part of the regular season, Lipira still anticipates a good contest.

"Crowder has a strong club," she said. "At this point in the season, the team benefits more from game situations than from practice."



Maybe a pro would take my place

What would life be like as a professional athlete?

I've often wondered about the answer to this question. I'm sure many sports fans have done the same thing.

Every little boy grows up with dreams of being "a baseball player someday." I think it's just part of growing up—one of the stages a boy goes through.

Let's take baseball, for instance. Little League is essential in a young boy's life. Playing baseball is just one of the things a boy is "supposed" to do. Therefore, they dream of playing in the majors and becoming famous. What is it like?

First, let's begin with the man as a player. His name is A.J. Blue. A.J. is the top starting pitcher for the Mets the last two seasons, compiling a 38-9 win-loss record. A.J. is polite, eager to learn, and fun to be around. He doesn't do drugs, alcohol, or cigarettes.

I know you're thinking this is too good to be true, but just remember it's make believe.

Blessed with a rare talent for the sport, Blue is coveted by his teammates and protected financially by his agent, "Shark" Fontaine.

Off the field, A.J. likes to keep to himself. However, once in a while he likes to get out, go to a restaurant, catch a movie, or do whatever strikes his fancy. With a bachelor status, the 6-foot-4, blue-eyed Blue is unrestrained from the nagging responsibilities a marriage can entail.

If you haven't figured it out by now, A.J. is a "good ole' country boy" lost in the sea of bright lights in a city unknown. He's lonely. He doesn't have a girlfriend, he's shy, and he misses home.

Wow! you're thinking. This is great. A nice personality, maturing athletic skills, and a touch of homesickness all in one package. What else is there?

Well, I have to burst your bubble, but trouble came down on A.J. like a Mack truck on a Tonka toy.

You see, the boys on the team weren't always there to keep an eye on A.J.—they had their families to go home to, books to write, etc. A.J. bought some cocaine from an undercover policeman. Oops! Big mistake.

Used to hearing shouts of encouragement, shaking hands, and signing autographs, Blue is hearing "boos," avoiding the public, and undergoing "coke" rehabilitation.

What I have just described is very far-fetched, but in some instances painstakingly true.

Most fans don't think of this sort of stuff when they aspire to be ball-players. They think of hitting home runs, making millions of dollars, being recognized everywhere they go, making millions, being the best, and, of course, making millions.

My description of Blue's life is not at all what I would want.

I think of standing at the plate, with two outs and the bases loaded, and the other team ahead by one run. That's the feeling I want—to know I have the power to do something extraordinary.

There's also the satisfaction of getting \$\$\$ for doing what I like to do best—have fun.

For all the little boys out there dreaming of being a big leaguer, I wish you luck. Not everyone reaches the majors, and those who do must work hard. It seems there is always a younger, quicker, and more talented athlete ready to take your place.

To me, with the exception of no privacy and the continuing pressure to perform, being a professional athlete would be rewarding.

Maybe, just maybe, there's a pro out there who wants to give it all up to be like me—an ordinary person struggling to make ends meet. Naw, I doubt it.

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